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**Prince of Songkla University Graduate Studies Regulation B.E. 2563**

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Whereas it is deemed expedient to have the Prince of Songkla University Graduate Studies Regulation B.E. 2563, By virtue of section 23(2) of Prince of Songkla University Act, B.E. 2559, the University Council, at its 415<sup>th</sup> (5/2563) meeting on July 18, 2020, approved the stipulations of the following:

**Section 1**

**General Provisions**

Clause 1 The Regulation shall henceforth be known as “Prince of Songkla University Graduate Studies Regulation B.E. 2563”.

Clause 2 The Regulation shall be applied to all graduate students of Prince of Songkla University enrolled from the academic year 2020 onwards.

Clause 3 In this Regulations:

“University” means Prince of Songkla University

“University Council” means Prince of Songkla University Council

“President” means President of Prince of Songkla University

“Graduate School” means Graduate School of Prince of Songkla University;

“Faculty” means colleges, institutes, organizations or other university units called otherwise, which offer a graduate program

“Education and Innovative Learning Academy” means Education and Innovative Learning Academy of Prince of Songkla University

“Dean” shall include directors of institutes, organizations, or heads of university units called otherwise, which offer a graduate program

“Faculty Committee” shall include board of units called otherwise affiliated with the University

“Field of Study” means field of graduate study programs

“Cumulative Credit” means credit units accumulated by to complete the program’s requirements

“Credit Bank” means system for registering cumulative credits of the learners obtained by attending any courses offered by the University and by transferring with the approval from the University

“Student” means a graduate student of Prince of Songkla University

“Attender” means those holding at least a bachelor’s degree or other equivalent degree, including those undertaking undergraduate study and those whose degree being under the granting processes, who register for the study at Prince of Songkla University

“Learner” means those attend any courses or short courses or life-long learning study program under the University regulation.

Clause 4 The President shall monitor this Regulation. In case of problems or suspicions regarding practices of the Regulations, the President shall contemplate and has final authority.

## **Section 2**

### **Admission**

Clause 5 Applicant to the programs in clause 18 must possess qualifications as follows:

(1) Graduate Diploma Programs

Applicants must hold a bachelor’s degree or equivalent degree according to the program’s stipulation, and other additional qualifications as required by the program committee and Graduate School.

(2) Master’s Degree Programs

Applicants must hold a bachelor’s degree or equivalent degree according to the program’s stipulation, and other additional qualifications as required by the program committee and Graduate School.

(3) Higher graduate diploma programs

Applicants must hold a bachelor’s degree in a six-year program or a degree in Graduate diploma or Master’s degree or equivalent degree according to the program’s stipulation, and other additional qualifications as required by the program committee and Graduate School.

(4) Doctoral degree programs

Applicants must hold a master’s degree or equivalent degree, hold other additional qualifications as required by the program committee and Graduate School, and have the results of English language proficiency test satisfying the criteria of Graduate School or applicants must hold a bachelor’s degree or equivalent degree with outstanding academic record, having adequate knowledge and potentials for conducting thesis study, having other additional qualifications as required by the program committee and Graduate School, and having the results of English language proficiency test satisfying the criteria of Graduate School.

Clause 6 Application and admission depend upon the Graduate School’s announcement in each academic year.

Clause 7 Admission shall be proceeded as follows:

(1) Number of students to be enrolled in each program must be pre-approved from the University.

(2) Faculty is authorized to approve, under the suggestion of the program committee, the recruitment of applicants with the qualifications according to clause 5 for enrollment as students by examination or any other methods according to Graduate School’s conditions.

(3) Faculty may allow the enrollment of those with the qualifications according to clause 5 for tentative study by setting the individual conditions as follows:

I. A tentative student in the program requiring coursework and thesis or in coursework only program, shall register in coursework no less than 6 credits in first semester and earn grade point average (GPA) no less than 3.00 or;

II. A tentative student in a thesis only program shall, in the first semester of study, make a satisfactory progress in thesis research with the “P” level in assessment according to the number of registered credits or;

III. Other conditions are stipulated by Graduate School.

(4) Faculty may allow the enrollment of an individual, as a special case, which holds at least a bachelor’s degree or equivalent degree to attend courses or to conduct research without the granting of degree or diploma from the University.

(5) Graduate School may allow the enrollment of an individual recruited by faculties as an attender according to the University’s conditions.

(6) In case of applicants whose academic degree is under the granting process, the admission is complete after the applicants present graduation evidence and satisfy all stipulated qualifications.

Clause 8 Student’s confirmations of admission and student enrollment are subject to the University’s conditions.

### **Section 3 Education System**

#### **Part 1 Educational Approach**

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Clause 9 There are 2 education approaches as follows:

(1) Formal education is the learning approach with predetermined objectives, learning processes, academic program, duration of studying, assessment and evaluation which are integral parts of specific graduation requirements.

(2) Informal education is the approach allowing self-learning according to learners’ interest, potential, readiness and opportunity by studying from individuals, experience gaining, society, surrounding environment, media or other sources of knowledge. Education provision in this system is subject to the university’s condition.

The University may exempt coursework or thesis or transferred the credits of coursework or thesis earned from other graduate programs to a qualified student with assessable performance. Students must complete credits according to the program standard criteria, and the exemption or transfer of credits shall follow the regulations on transferring academic results in a high education degree into formal education and the Good Practice on Transferring Academic

Results of the Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Higher Academic, Science, Research and Innovation. These are subjects to the University's condition. Equivalency, exemption and transfer of courses in other cases shall be subject to Graduate School's condition.

Clause 10 Education for credit accumulation in life-long learning is subject to the University's condition.

Clause 11 Request for admission in a second graduate diploma or a second degree is subject to the University's conditions.

Clause 12 Double graduate diplomas or double degrees and joint programs are subject to the University's conditions.

## **Part 2** **Academic System**

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Clause 13 Roles of Graduate School in the provision of Graduate studies shall include

(1) Advancing and supporting the provision of graduate programs and research within graduate studies

(2) Encouraging and supporting the collaboration among faculties and programs in related field of studies

Graduate School may coordinate with faculties to provide interdisciplinary programs having coursework related to many faculties, according to the University's announcement. Graduate School may arrange common courses at graduate level to improve teaching and learning.

Clause 14 Academic administration is arranged into 2 systems as follows:

(1) All year-round academic system without semester, and each academic year consists of not less than 30 weeks.

(2) Academic systems with semester include four systems as follows:

A. Bi-semester system: Each academic year is divided into 2 regular semesters, and each semester consists of not less than 15 weeks.

B. Tri-semester system: Each academic year is divided into 3 regular semesters, and each semester consists of not time less than 12 weeks.

C. Quarter-semester system: Each academic year is divided into 4 regular semesters, and each semester consists of not less than 10 weeks.

D. Other systems are subject to Graduate School's stipulation.

The academic systems in A - C categories may include a summer semester according to each program's necessity. Summer semester is provided once in each academic year with no less than 8 weeks.

Clause 15 Credit calculation for each course shall be proceeded as follows:

(1) All year-round academic system

A. Theory-based courses entailing at least 30 hours of lectures or discussion per academic year is equal to 1 credit.

B. Practice based courses entailing at least 60 hours of practice or laboratory work per academic year is equal to 1 credit.

C. Training or fieldwork practices entailing at least 90 hours of training per an academic year is equal to 1 credit.

D. Projects or any other assigned activities entailing at least 90 hours on projects or activities per academic year is equal to 1 credit

E. Thesis/minor thesis entailing at least 90 hours of study per academic year is equal to 1 credit.

F. One credit of all year-round is equal to 2 credits of bi-semester system or 30/12 credits of tri-semester system, or 30/10 credits of quarter-semester system.

(2) Bi-semester system

A. Theory-based courses entailing at least 15 hours of lectures or discussion per academic year is equal to 1 credit.

B. Practice based courses entailing at least 30 hours of practice or laboratory work per academic year is equal to 1 credit.

C. Training or fieldwork practices entailing at least 45 hours of training per an academic year is equal to 1 credit.

D. Projects or any other assigned activities entailing at least 45 hours on projects or activities per academic year is equal to 1 credit

E. Thesis/minor thesis entailing at least 45 hours of study per academic year is equal to 1 credit.

(3) Tri-semester system

A. Theory-based courses entailing at least 12 hours of lectures or discussion per academic year is equal to 1 credit.

B. Practice based courses entailing at least 24 hours of practice or laboratory work per academic year is equal to 1 credit.

C. Training or fieldwork practices entailing at least 36 hours of training per an academic year is equal to 1 credit.

D. Projects or any other assigned activities entailing at least 36 hours on projects or activities per academic year is equal to 1 credit

E. Thesis/minor thesis entailing at least 36 hours of study per academic year is equal to 1 credit.

F. One credit of tri-semester system is equal to 12/15 credits of bi-semester system or 4 credits of bi-semester system is equal to 5 credits of tri-semester system.

(4) Quarter-semester system

A. Theory-based courses entailing at least 10 hours of lectures or discussion per academic year is equal to 1 credit.

B. Practice based courses entailing at least 20 hours of practice or laboratory work per academic year is equal to 1 credit.

C. Training or fieldwork practices entailing at least 30 hours of training per an academic year is equal to 1 credit.

D. Projects or any other assigned activities entailing at least 30 hours on projects or activities per academic year is equal to 1 credit

E. Thesis/minor thesis entailing at least 30 hours of study per academic year is equal to 1 credit.

F. One credit of quarter-semester system is equal to 10/15 credits of bi-semester system or 2 credits of bi-semester system is equal to 3 credits of the quarter-semester system.

(5) Credit calculation for other academic systems as stated in no 14(2)D is subject to the Graduate School's stipulation.

Clause 16 Program arrangement consists of 3 types as follows:

(1) Full-time study defined as the study with a minimum of average 9 credits per a regular semester throughout the program for bi-semester system

(2) Part-time study defined as the study with less than 9 credits per a regular semester throughout program for bi-semester system

Change of types of program arrangement as stated in (1) and (2) is subject to the discretion's faculty committee.

(3) A special program arrangement is subject to the University's stipulation.

### **Part 3 Programs**

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Clause 17 Graduate programs may be offered in one or more academic systems or arrangements according to the University's stipulation.

Clause 18 Programs of graduate study consist of four types as follows

(1) Graduate diploma program: The program is for those with a bachelor's degree or equivalent degree, being consistent to the National Plan on Development of Higher Education, philosophy of higher education, University's philosophy, and academic and professional standards, focusing on training academicians and professionals to gain expertise in a specific for study, to have more advanced knowledge and skill and to have a better work performance. The program of study is self-contained.

(2) Master's degree program: The program is more advanced than a bachelor's degree program and a graduate diploma program, being consistent to the National Plan on Development of Higher Education, philosophy of higher education, University's philosophy, and international academic and professional standards. The program focuses on educating academics and professionals to gain a high level of knowledge and competency in various fields of study through research process in order to inculcate independent knowledge seeking skill. Graduates

from the program are also able to create an academic progress, relate and integrate their own field with others. They also possess morals and academic and professional ethics. Emphasis of the program is placed on knowledge and understanding of the process of creating and applying new knowledge for the development of academic or professional and social work.

(3) Higher graduate diploma program: The program is for those with a six-year bachelor's degree program or a master's degree or equivalent degree, being consistent to the National Plan on Development of Higher Education, philosophy of higher education, University's philosophy, and academic and professional standards. The program focuses on educating academics and professionals to be proficient in specific fields, to have knowledge and expertise with a better job performance. It is a self-contained course of study.

(4) Doctoral degree program: The program is more advanced than a master's degree program and a higher graduate diploma program, being consistent to the National Plan on Development of Higher Education, philosophy of higher education, University's philosophy, and international academic and professional standards. The program focuses on educating academics and professionals to gain a high level of knowledge and competency in various fields of study through research process in order to inculcate independent knowledge seeking skill. Graduates from the program are also able to create an academic progress, relate and integrate their own field with others. They also possess morals and academic and professional ethics. Emphasis of the program is placed on the ability to conduct research to create new knowledge or innovations according to international standards, which is beneficial for work, the country and world society.

Clause 19 The structure of graduate programs shall be organized as follows:

(1) Higher graduate diploma program and graduate diploma program consist of at least 24 credits throughout the course.

(2) Master's degree program consists of at least 36 credits throughout the course. Master's degree program is divided into 2 plans:

Academic plan or Plan A: The plan emphasizes on the attainment of research skill by conducting thesis study to build a body of knowledge in the field. The proportions of thesis credits and the credits of coursework are as follows:

Plan A 1: The program is thesis-only, consisting of at least 36 credits. The programs may require additional audited coursework or non-credited participation in academic activities which are subject to attainment of outcomes stipulated by the program.

Plan A 2: The program consists of at least 12 credits of thesis and at least 12 accumulated credits. However, the programs with particular professional requirements should be arranged in accordance with such professional requirements.

Professional plan or Plan B: The program focuses on the study of coursework and conducting minor thesis on the application of knowledge in professions without having to do a thesis, provided that the minor thesis must not be less than 3 credits and no more than 6 credits.

Any program offering Plan B of study must also offer Plan A of study.

(3) Doctoral degree program is divided into 2 plans, focusing on research study to train academics and professionals at the advanced level, as follows:

Plan 1 is a research-based study plan with a thesis that creates a new body of knowledge. The program may require additional audited coursework or non-credited academic activities, which are subject to attainment of outcomes stipulated by the program.

: Plan 1.1 is for a student with a master's degree, and consists of at least 48 credits of thesis.

Plan 1.2 is for a student with a bachelor's degree, and consists of at least 72 credits of thesis.

Theses in Plan 1.1 and Plan 1.2 must be of the same quality and standard.

Plan 2 is a research-based study plan with the conduct of thesis with high quality contributing to academic and professional advancement and additional coursework.

Plan 2.1: Applicants with a master's degree must complete at least 36 credits of thesis and at least 12 credits of coursework.

Plan 2.2: Applicants with a bachelor's degree must complete at least 48 credits of thesis and at least 24 credits of coursework

Theses in Plan 2.1 and Plan 2.2 must be of the same quality and standard.

Clause 20 The duration of study for each program is as follows:

(1) Full-time program

A. The duration of study in graduate diploma and higher graduate diploma shall be as stipulated in the program, but not more than 3 academic years.

B. The duration of study in master's degree shall be as stipulated in the program, but not more than 5 academic years.

C. The duration of study in doctoral degree shall be as stipulated in the program, but not more than 8 academic years for those enrolled in the doctoral program degree with a bachelor's degree and not more than 6 academic years for those enrolled in the doctoral program degree with a master's degree

(2) Part-time program or others: The duration of study is subject to the Graduate School's stipulations.

Clause 21 The program shall establish a quality assurance system for the program in accordance with the requirements of the University. All programs shall be updated by conducting annual quality assessment and report, and using the obtained information to revised the program periodically at least according to the program's timeframe or every five years.

Program development or the provision of graduate studies with special characteristics other than those prescribed in this regulation shall be enacted as the University's announcement and submitted to the University Council for consideration.

Clause 22 The administration of graduate programs shall be carried out as follows:



(1) The administration shall be in accordance with the philosophy, objectives and goals of the program and as designated by the department or as specified by the faculty

(2) Each program shall have a program administrative committee, which consists of faculty staff in charge of the program. Faculty staff within the program and other full-time instructors may serve as additional committee member as deemed appropriate. Director of the program administrative committee has a term of office of three years, but may not hold office for more than two consecutive terms This shall be in accordance with the announcement of the University.

(3) The Program Administrative Committee has the duties as follows:

A. Manage and advance the program, its teaching and learning including planning, quality assurance, monitoring, evaluation and program development.

B. Control the standards of the program in charge to be in accordance with the National Qualifications Framework for Higher Education, Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation's Program Standards and professional standards (if any).

C. Conduct quality assurance in the program

D. Follow up the course's performance report, performance report on the arrangement of field experience (if applicable) and submit a performance report on the program provision with advices for improvement.

The Faculty may designate a Faculty Committee or a committee called by other name, such as the Faculty Graduate Committee, with an appropriate number of members to take responsibility in administrating all graduate programs and research in graduate studies within the Faculty.

#### **Part 4**

#### **Faculty staff**

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Clause 23 Number and qualifications of faculty staff within the program, faculty staff in charge of the program, thesis/minor thesis advisors and examiners of thesis/minor thesis, lecturers and other educational committees, including the workload of thesis/minor thesis advisors shall be in accordance with the announcement of the University.

#### **Section 4**

#### **Assessment and Course Registration**

#### **Part 1**

#### **Academic Assessment**

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Clause 24 Assessment of course, thesis and minor study shall be proceeded as follows:

(1) a course assessed with attached points shall be given the following letter grades, denotations and attached points:

Level of Score (Grade)	Denotation	Attached points (per credit)
A	Excellent	4.0
B+	Very Good	3.5
B	Good	3.0
C+	Fairly Good	2.5
C	Fair	2.0
D+	Poor	1.5
D	Very Poor	1.0
E	Fail	0.0

(2) Academic assessment may be represented by other symbols and denotations as follows::

Symbol	Denotation
S	Result of study or examination is satisfactory. It is used for courses with non-score assessment, preparatory courses, thesis or minor thesis
U	Result of study or examination is unsatisfactory. It is used for courses that require assessment with no scores, preparatory courses, thesis or minor thesis
X	Result of study or examination is excellent. It is used for thesis or minor thesis
I	Incomplete assessment. It is used when students do not complete assigned learning experience within the specified time frame or miss the examination under some force majeure circumstances. The "I" must be revised to the grade level within the first 6 weeks of next semester which the students register, otherwise the University will immediately change the I symbol to an E grade or to a U symbol.
P	Study, research or thesis/minor thesis is still in progress and progress is satisfactory.
N	Study, research or thesis/minor thesis is in the process but having no or unsatisfactory progress. In case of the "N" symbol being assigned, students shall re-register in the same number of credits having earned the symbol N.
W	Withdrawn the course with permission

Clause 25 Academic assessment shall be conducted as follows:

(1) Assessment at the end of the semester must be arranged. Calculation of credit to fulfill the program shall be enumerated by credited courses registered by the students with grade A, B<sup>+</sup>, B, C<sup>+</sup>, C or Symbol S or X. In case the preparatory courses, as stipulated by the program, are not enumerated as cumulative credit, a student needs to additionally register in such courses and receives the Symbol S. In case a student registers for each course more than once, the number of credits will be counted as a part of cumulative credits of the program once based on the last assessment and

evaluation. In case that it is necessary to take courses in a bachelor's degree program in a certain field to support courses in the study plan set out in the program, the number of credits for courses at level 300 or higher shall not exceed 6 credits

Exception is for thesis or minor thesis which the assessments can be made before the end of the semester.

(2) At the end of a semester, the University will assess the academic results of all students enrolled. by calculating the result according to the following criteria:

a. A point unit for a course is the product of the number of credits and the grade level obtained from the evaluation of that course.

b. The semester grade point average is the sum of point units of all courses registered in that semester divided by the total credits of such courses with the assessment on a graded level

c. The cumulative grade point average is the sum of point units of all courses taken since the study commencement in the University divided by the total number of credits of such courses only for which the assessment is on graded level. In case of receiving a grade of C+ , C , D+ , D or E more than once in the same courses, the last result of study and credits shall be enumerated as the grade cumulative point average.

d. Grade point average in a single semester and cumulative grade point average shall be enumerated as a value with 2 decimal places without rounding from the 3rd decimal place

e. In case of receiving I symbol in a course assessed as a grade point, the semester grade point average and the cumulative grade point average are pending for calculation until the symbol I shall be changed.

Clause 26 Any student cheating on evaluation of any courses or having academic dishonesty shall be entered the consideration for disciplinary action against students in accordance with the regulations of Prince of Songkla University regarding Undergraduate Studies and life-long learning, the regulations of Prince of Songkla University for Student Code of Conduct mutatis mutandis, as stipulated by the University.

## **Part 2**

### **Course Registration**

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Clause 27 Course registration is subject to the University's announcement as follows:

(1) Course registration is divided into 2 categories:

- A. Registration with cumulative credit and attached point
- B. Registration with non-cumulative credit (Audit)

(2) The courses to be registered must be approved by the general advisor or the major advisor of thesis/minor thesis, as the case may be.

(3) The number of credits a student will register for each semester is under the discretion of the general advisor or the major advisor of thesis/minor thesis, as the case may be.

For registration in regular semester of the bi-semester system, students shall register not more than 15 credits by including the number of credits in both credited and audited courses. Exception is for registration in other systems which shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Graduate School

(4) Those enrolled for tentative study as stated in clause 7(3), in the first semester to commence a study, must register in courses of the progress no less than 6 credits.

(5) Students are not allowed to re-register for the course that has been enrolled and received a grade of B or higher.

(6) Students shall register for thesis or minor thesis after the appointment of thesis/minor thesis advisor is completed.

(7) Thesis registration must be registered in fully entire credits within the semester of thesis defense. Students may additionally register for thesis to complete the entire thesis credits after the deadline for registering and withdrawing courses, under the approval of the Dean of the affiliation, in order to be able to take the thesis examination in that semester.

(8) Students who have already fulfilled the course registration according to the program requirements, are in the process of conducting research for thesis or minor thesis and have not fulfilled the graduation's requirements, must maintain their student status and pay the fee according to the University's stipulation.

Clause 28 Addition and withdrawal of courses are subject to the University's stipulation. Exception is for thesis, which addition and withdrawal shall be in accordance with clause 27(7) under the approval of the general advisor, major advisor of thesis/minor thesis as the case may be. Instructor of the courses shall be notified on addition and withdrawal.

Clause 29 A student may request a change of study plan with the approval of the program administration committee and the approval of the faculty committee and notifying the Graduate School. Change of study plan may be allowed when enrolled in that program, not less than one semester.

Clause 30 A student's change of program and study plan is subject to the following criteria:

(1) Receive a consent from both faculty committees and an approval from the dean of the Graduate School;

(2) Equivalence, transfer, and course transfer are subject to the Graduate School's stipulation.

Clause 31 Examination for graduate studies, examination committee as well as the conduct of thesis and minor thesis shall be in accordance with the conditions set forth in the University announcement

## **Section 5 Academic Status**

Clause 32 Sick leave or personal leave shall abide by the Prince of Songkla University's regulations regarding Undergraduate Studies and life-long learning academic mutatis mutandis.

Clause 33 A student may take a study suspension in any of the following cases:

(1) being sick to the extent that it requires rest for more than three consecutive weeks with a medical certificate;

(2) other causes shall be at the discretion of the Faculty Committee.

Clause 34 A Students who wish to take a study suspension must clarify their reasons and necessities through the general advisor or major thesis advisor as the case may be and shall submit a request to the Faculty Committee for consideration and approval and notify the Graduate School.

A study suspension is regarded as the whole semester of absence. In case of having registered in courses, leave of absence results in the cancellation of registration in all courses in that semester. The registered courses will not appear in the transcript

Clause 35 A study suspension shall be no more than 2 regular semesters. Duration of study suspension shall be included into the duration of study program as stated in clause 20.

Clause 36 Students who have been granted the study suspension must maintain their student status every semester for which they are granted suspension and pay fees at the rate prescribed by the University except for the semester that has already been registered

Clause 37 New students enrolled in the first semester are not allowed for study suspension.

Any study suspension other than those specified in clause 33-36 must be approved by the President as a special case. The duration of study must not exceed the time specified in clause 20.

Clause 38 A student who wishes to terminate the study may file a request through their affiliated faculty with the consideration of general advisor or thesis/minor thesis advisor, the respective program committee, to Graduate School for obtaining the President's approval. An approved student must have no obligation with the University.

Clause 39 The maintenance of student status shall be in accordance with the conditions in clause 27(8) and clause 36.

Clause 40 Student status is subject to terminate when having any of the following conditions:

(1) being dead

(2) has been approved to resign

(3) being dismissed or expelled due to disciplinary action;

(4) not registering for courses or does not maintain student status or fail to pay tuition fees within the period specified by the University from the date of the commencement of the regular semester without having obtained approval for study suspension.

(5) Obtaining a cumulative grade point average of less than 2.50 at the end of any single semester;

(6) Completing 2/3 of the required coursework credits, excluding thesis/minor thesis credits, and receiving a cumulative grade point average less than 2.75;

(7) having spent the time in studying as specified in clause 20 and not receiving complete credits set by program, or obtaining a cumulative grade point average less than 3.00

(8) Thesis proposal not having been approved within these timeframes:

A. Bi-Semester System

Master's degree Plan A1

- 1) within 4 semesters for full time students
- 2) within 5 semesters for part time students

Master's degree Plan A2

- 1) within 5 semesters for full time students
- 2) within 6 semesters for part time students

Doctoral 's degree Plan 1

- 1) within 6 semesters for full time students
- 2) within 7 semesters for part time students

Doctoral 's degree Plan 2

- 1) within 7 semesters for full time students
- 2) within 8 semesters for part time students

B. Tri- Semester System

Master's degree Plan A1

- 1) within 6 semesters for full time students
- 2) within 7 semesters for part time students

Master's degree Plan A2

- 1) within 7 semesters for full time students
- 2) within 8 semesters for part time students

Doctoral's degree Plan 1

- 1) within 8 semesters for full time students
- 2) within 9 semesters for part time students

Doctoral 's degree Plan 2

- 1) within 9 semesters for full time students
- 2) within 12 semesters for part time students

(9) Being failed on thesis examination, comprehensive examination or qualifying examination at the second attempt;

(10) Fail to submit a complete thesis within six months from the date of passing thesis examination, except in the cases with approval to extend deadline for submission of completed thesis from Dean of the Graduate School under the faculty committee's resolution;

Request for extension of time for submitting the complete thesis under paragraph one may be filed no more than two times, each time not exceeding three months, and the duration of study must not exceed the time specified in clause 20, in accordance with the announcement of the University.

(11) Fail to submit the completed minor thesis within 3 months of the minor thesis examination passing date except in the cases with approval to extend deadline for submission of completed minor thesis from Dean of the Graduate School under the faculty committee's resolution;

Request for extension of time for submitting the complete minor thesis under paragraph one may be filed no more than two times, each time not exceeding one months, and the duration of study must not exceed the time specified in clause 20, in accordance with the announcement of the University

(12) The Graduate School considers a student to be guilty of serious misconduct or fail to meet the conditions specified by the University

(13) Students are approved for degree conferred.

Clause 41 Change of status from attender or learners to students, tentative students who are unable to change their status to a student and reinstatement of student status shall abide by Prince of Songkla University's regulations regarding bachelor's degree study and lifelong education mutatis mutandis.

## **Section 6 Graduation**

Clause 42 Students will graduate from Graduate Certificate and Higher Graduate Diploma program or Master's programs and Doctoral programs if the following qualifications are fulfilled:

(1) Diploma programs, higher graduate diploma programs: Passing the assessment in various courses and completing number of credits as specified in the program with the cumulative grade point average of the courses according to the program not less than 3.00.

(2) Master's degree programs: passing a foreign language proficiency test or passing equivalent tests, having other qualifications and meeting the conditions for graduation set forth in the announcement of Graduate School

(3) Doctoral degree programs: passing a foreign language proficiency test or passing equivalent tests, passing qualifying examination, having other qualifications and meeting the conditions for graduation set forth in the announcement of Graduate School

(4) All debts to the University have been paid off.

(5) Comply with other conditions as stipulated by the University, Graduate school, faculty, or program. The conditions set by the faculty or the program shall be approved by Graduate School.

Other requirements and conditions for graduation other than items (1) - (5) are subject to the University's announcement.

Clause 43 A determination of graduation date is subject to the Graduate School's rule.

Clause 44 An approval for degree conferred shall be proceeded as follows:

(1) Students who are expected to graduate in each semester need to file a request for conferment of a degree to the University within the timeframe specified by the University.

(2) Students who are nominated for degree conferment must have the following qualifications:

a. Be a complete graduate according to item 42

b. No debt or arrears of tuition fees, and not having any other obligations with the Graduate School, Faculty and University

c. No pending disciplinary action

(3) Granting a degree to students under a joint degree program with other universities including both domestic and international universities shall comply with the regulations of Prince of Songkla University regarding bachelor's degree study and lifelong education mutatis mutandis.

### **Transitory Provision**

Clause 45 While the announcements, directives, or requirements under this Regulation have not yet been enacted, the announcements, directives, or requirements issued under the Prince of Songkla University's regulations regarding graduate studies B.E. 2556 shall be applied mutatis mutandis to which are not being against or contradicting this Regulation.

Announced on September 28, 2020.

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